

Chairman Pai, please reconsider the apparent upcoming vote to rescind the current net neutrality rulings. At a time when this country is already straining from the pressures of growing disparities between the haves and the have nots, now is not the time to create a two-tiered internet. While broadband providers complain about the costs of upgrading infrastructure, abandoning net neutrality provides no guarantee that nationwide infrastructure will be upgraded. Just the opposite, market incentives will drive providers to upgrade only the subsections of the infrastructure serving the wealthiest customers. Broad, un-restricted access to broadband internet is part of the essential backbone for America's global competitiveness and an equalizer in bridging the poor/wealthy gaps in education, health delivery and news. Maintaining net neutrality is essential to the strength of this backbone.